

# LONGFELLOW

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## Summer Festival 2009

*Music, Poetry and History for All Ages at the Historic Longfellow House*

**Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm**  
**Celebrate the 250th Anniversary**  
**of the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House!**  
***Liberty Road: Building a Revolution***

Rick Detwiller, preservation planner for New England Landmarks, talks about colonial architecture, the central role played by the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House as the first headquarters of General George Washington, the Loyalist and Patriot occupants of other area homes and their roles in the buildup to the American Revolution. *Location: Longfellow Carriage House. RSVP required, 617-876-4491.*

**Sunday, June 7, 3:00 pm**  
***Longfellow Student Poetry Awards***

Student poets from the Greater Boston area read their winning poems. The New England Poetry Club and Friends of the Longfellow House co-sponsor this annual contest.

**Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm**  
***Poetry and Beauty: The Photography***  
***of Julia Margaret Cameron***

Colin Ford, CBE, renowned British photo historian and curator, presents an illustrated talk on the work of 19th-century photographer Julia Margaret Cameron whose iconic images include Henry W. Longfellow and other “famous men and fair women.” In partnership with the Victorian Society of New England. *Location: Longfellow Carriage House. RSVP required, 617-876-4491.*

**Sunday, June 28, 4:00 pm**  
***Salute to John Updike***

The work of Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike is the focus of this tribute featuring Christopher Lydon, journalist, TV and radio personality; X. J. Kennedy, poet and editor; and F. D. Reeve, poet and scholar.



*John Updike*

**Sunday, July 5, 4:00 pm**  
***Gettysburg Addressed***

19th-century statesman and orator Edward Everett (portrayed by Jim Cooke) and President Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Phillip Chetwynd) discuss that fateful day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1863. Deborah Anne Goss performs anti-slavery songs and rallies support for the President.



*Phillip Chetwynd*



*Deborah Anne Goss*



*Jim Cooke*



*Charles Simic*

**Sunday, July 12, 4:00 pm**  
***Charles Simic,***  
***Golden Rose Award Winner***

Charles Simic receives the 2009 Golden Rose Award from the New England Poetry Club and reads from his work. A recent Poet Laureate of the United States (2007-2008), Mr. Simic won the Pulitzer Prize in 1990 and has published more than 20 volumes of poetry. Book signing.

2009 events are part of  
a National Park Service  
Centennial Challenge Initiative  
([www.nps.gov/2016](http://www.nps.gov/2016)) in  
partnership with the Friends  
of the Longfellow House.

**Sunday, July 19, 4:00 pm**

***A Tribute to Haydn***

Local ensemble **Musicians of the Old Post Road** pays homage to composer Joseph Haydn on the 200th anniversary of his death. Utilizing period instruments such as the fortepiano and traverso, the musicians will also perform works of Beethoven and others.



*Musicians of the  
Old Post Road*



*Paul Muldoon*

**Sunday, July 26, 4:00 pm**  
***Paul Muldoon, Poetry Editor***  
***of the New Yorker***

Northern Ireland-born poet Paul Muldoon reads from his work and speaks about editing at the *New Yorker*. Mr. Muldoon's book *Moy Sand and Gravel* (2002) won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. Book signing.

**Sunday, August 2, 4:00 pm**

***New England***  
***Spiritual Ensemble***

Performing traditional American Negro spirituals and Gospel music, this professional ensemble models itself after the classically-trained 19th-century Fisk Jubilee Singers. Arrangements by modern African American composers are also part of the repertoire of NESE.



*New England Spiritual Ensemble*

**Saturday, August 8 and August 15**

***Cambridge Discovery Days: From the Ground Up!***

Walking tours and talks highlight Cambridge's history and architecture. Offered throughout the day at various city locations, these tours and talks are organized by the Historic Cambridge Collaborative. Complete listing at [www.cambridgema.gov/historic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/historic).

***Toilets, Closets, Attic & Basement*** — A behind-the-scenes house tour for families and children offered at 9:00 am and noon. Space limited. RSVP required, 617-876-4491.

***Architecture Discovery Quest!*** — Children and families can explore the exterior of the 250-year-old Longfellow House. Pick up free activity booklets at the visitor center, 9:00 am–4:00 pm.

**Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm**  
***Harvard Reads: Poets at 200***

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the births of Edgar A. Poe, Abraham Lincoln, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. and Fanny Kemble—and their connections to Henry W. Longfellow. Guest readers include Harvard professors Ivan Gaskell, Jill Lepore, John Stauffer and Laurel Thatcher Ulrich. Book sales.



*Bala Brass Ensemble*

**Sunday, August 16, 4:00 pm**  
***Bala Brass Ensemble***

This five-person ensemble excites audiences with its energy and virtuosity. Bala Brass commissions new works and fosters the art of the brass ensemble through education, and have presented concerts featuring composers Robert J. Bradshaw, Dana Wilson, Morley Calvert, Gustav Holst and others.

### Family Sundays

**Every Sunday, June 21–August 30, 1:00–4:00 pm**



Free events for children and families! Play 19th-century games of hoops, graces and croquet. Paint and draw in the formal garden, start journal-keeping or read and write poetry. Make 19th-century crafts—wax flowers and animals, painted rocks, embroidery, feather and shell designs. *Location: Front lawn. Other free events:*

**Sunday, June 21, 2:00 pm**  
***Puppet Show: “Rumpelstiltskin”***

Using handmade puppets, Rolande Duprey performs in the traditional toy theatre style of the 1800s. Ms. Duprey, of Purple Rock Productions, has an MFA in puppetry from the University of Connecticut.

**Sunday, July 5, 1:00–4:00 pm**  
***Civil War Day***

Meet young people in period dress from the Civil War era and learn about life in the 1860s. Figure out the meanings of “sawbones,” “seeing the elephant” and other slang used by soldiers.

**Sunday, July 19 and August 23, 1:00–3:00 pm**  
***Painting and Drawing Workshop***

Diana Tatz, professional artist and teacher, demonstrates some exciting art techniques with watercolors, pastels and colored pencils. Improve your skills or just have fun!

**Sunday, August 30, 1:00–4:00 pm**  
***Japanese Culture Day***

Students from Showa Boston Institute for Language and Culture demonstrate calligraphy, origami, and games. An exciting day of Japanese arts, crafts and games!

**Sunday, August 23, 4:00 pm**  
***Language for a New Century:***  
***Poetry from the Middle East,***  
***Asia, and Beyond***

This new anthology of poetry highlights the artistic forces flourishing today in the Middle East, Asia and beyond. Readers include editor Nathalie Handal and poet Diana Der-Hovanessian. Book signing.



*Nathalie  
Handal*



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**Longfellow National Historic Site**

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Open June 3–Oct. 18, Wednesday–Sunday, 10 am–4:30 pm  
for guided house tours

Admission: \$3.00 for persons over 15

Grounds and garden open year-round, dawn until dusk

All programs are FREE, open to everyone and take place on the east lawn of Longfellow National Historic Site, except where noted. Seating is limited. Only handicapped parking is available. Programs are wheelchair accessible. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. **Program Sponsors:** Friends of the Longfellow House, New England Poetry Club, and Longfellow National Historic Site, National Park Service. **Brochure design:** Bonnie Hurd Smith; **Photography:** Charles Simic by Philip Simic, John Updike by Elena Seibert, Paul Muldoon by Peter Cook.



# *Summer Festival 2009 Program Sponsors — Helping to Preserve the Legacy*

## *Friends of the Longfellow House*

The Friends of the Longfellow House, a not-for-profit group of volunteers established in 1994, works cooperatively with the National Park Service to benefit Longfellow National Historic Site. The Friends group promotes access to museum collections through fellowships and publications; underwrites visitor programs, special events and lectures; and advocates for the highest standards of preservation and care of buildings, grounds and collections. The beautifully restored pergola and colonial revival garden, gift of the Friends, complement the historic 250-year-old colonial mansion. Website: [www.longfellowfriends.org](http://www.longfellowfriends.org)

## *Longfellow National Historic Site, National Park Service*

The National Park Service administers Longfellow National Historic Site. The elegant colonial mansion served as headquarters for General George Washington in the early months of the Revolutionary War, July 1775 to April 1776. Also known as the Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House, the house was later home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's foremost poets and scholars, and his family from 1837 to 1950. The architecture, restored gardens and grounds, extensive museum collections and accompanying stories continue to inspire visitors and students from around the world. Website: [www.nps.gov/long](http://www.nps.gov/long)

## *New England Poetry Club*

The New England Poetry Club was founded in 1915 by Amy Lowell, Robert Frost and Conrad Aiken. The club sponsors the oldest poetry reading series in the country and has been bringing internationally renowned poets to read at Longfellow House for over 30 years as a program partner. Website: [www.nepoetryclub.org](http://www.nepoetryclub.org)



*Restoration of the formal garden and pergola has been made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Longfellow House.*

# *Summer Festival* *2009*

*Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the  
Vassall-Craigie-Longfellow House (1759–2009)*



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